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**From:** Acevedo, Janie  
**Sent:** Wed 8/19/2015 6:00:58 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Questions

Hey there, Did you get this thru the [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) channel? I don't see it on the triage sheet.....

**From:** Samantha Wright [mailto:[samantha@sjindependent.org](mailto:samantha@sjindependent.org)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 12:53 PM  
**To:** Acevedo, Janie  
**Subject:** Re: Questions

Hi again Janie,

Checking in to see if you got the questions below, and when I might expect a reply?

Thanks,

Samantha Wright

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 8:54 AM, Samantha Wright <[samantha@sjindependent.org](mailto:samantha@sjindependent.org)> wrote:

Hi Janie,

Nice chatting with you just now. Here is my list of questions:

1. What was the name of the contracting company working at the Gold King Mine at the time of the accident, and where were they from?
2. How was the contractor selected?
3. What kind of experience does the contractor have working in mine remediation in the high country of Colorado?
4. Were any local experts consulted on the project and/or working on the job site?
5. Have you released the work plan for the project? If so, could you please send it to me? If not, do I need to file a FOIA request to get it?
6. I understand that the EPA began work on the Gold King project last fall. Can you please describe the extent of the work that was done at that time? Is the following statement from the San Juan Corp attorney correct from EPA's standpoint?

"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, operating under an access agreement obtained from the owner of the Gold King Mine, had begun an investigation regarding the source of contaminated water at the Gold King Mine last year. Upon suspending work last year, the USEPA backfilled the portal to the mine. On August 5th, 2015, while the USEPA was removing the backfill from the portal to the Gold King Mine to continue its investigation this year, the plug blew out releasing contaminated water behind the backfill into the Animas River."

Thanks for your help.

Samantha Wright

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